

## Press Release

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The Chief Executive of Herts Young Homeless (**hyh**), Glenn Middleton, has announced that he will be retiring from the role this month after almost 12 years with the organisation and over 5 years as CEO.

John Humpston, chairman to the board of trustees, said “**hyh** is sorry to lose Glenn’s calm and authoritative leadership. For over a decade at **hyh** he has helped sustain advice, support and preventative services to young homeless people in Hertfordshire, in recent years as Chief Executive.

“Under his leadership **hyh** has maintained services in a context where (sadly) need continues to grow but the funding environment has got tougher.

“Glenn’s is a difficult act to follow but as he heads to new endeavours **hyh** is pleased to say that Helen Elliott will succeed him as CEO. Helen knows Hertfordshire well and has wide leadership experience in health and charities. Helen is looking forward to meeting service users, funders, commissioners and further establishing **hyh**’s network of friends, donors and supporters.’

**hyh** is extremely excited to welcome Helen on board. With her ten years’ experience in senior leadership and strategic positions within the voluntary sector alongside her energetic personality she is ideally placed to help **hyh** prosper in the future.

Helen said, “I am thrilled to be joining **hyh** as its new Chief Executive. I am passionate about empowering young people and their families and have seen at first hand the impact of homelessness, having previously worked as both a Youth Counsellor and Mediation Services Manager”.

“I am attracted by the values that I see demonstrated by **hyh** which centre on empowerment, equality, confidence-building and people taking time out to listen. I know from personal experience what a difference that can make to outcomes”.

“I know that following Glenn will be no mean task and wish him well as he leaves **hyh**.”

Everyone at Herts Young Homeless would like to wish Glenn every success for the future.

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**Notes:** **hyh** is an independent charity that supports young people aged 16-24 who are homeless or at risk of homelessness. Our **hyh** Health project works with all ages.

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